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SUBJ: SCHAUFLE PRESS CONFERENCE LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 9

LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 9 -- FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE
BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM
SCHAUFLE ON ARRIVAL AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1200HRS.
SEPTEMBER 9:

Q. THE SPECULATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE SOME SORT OF SHUTTLE
DIPLOMACY BY DR. KISSINGER. WHICH CAPITALS, SIR, WILL BE
INVOLVED IN AN INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND?

A. WELL, THAT REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED. OBVIOUSLY MY TASK IN
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TALKING TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AND PPRESIDENT KAUNDA, AND THEN

REPORTING BACK TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, IS TO HELP DETERMINE WHETHER HE COMES TO AFRICA FOR A TRIP, WHAT CAPITALS HE WILL COME TO, SO I THINK THIS WILL BE DETERMINED LATER.

Q. DO YOU PERSONALLY THINK THAT THE SHUTTLE IS A VERY STRONG POSSIBILITY?

A. YES, I THINK IT IS.

Q. IS DR. KISSINGER COMING HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRONTLINE STATES AS EARLIER ON SAID?

A. LET ME GO BACK AND SAY OBVIOUSLY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES OF THESE DISPUTES AND NOW IN CONSULTATION, -- CONTINUING THOSE CONSULTATIONS -- WE HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DR. KISSINGER TO COME BACK. AND IN FACT, WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PPRESIDENT NYERERE WHO CONVENED THE MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM, AND PPRESIDENT NYERERE HAS TOLD DR. KISSINGER THAT HE WOULD BE WELCOME TO COME AT THIS TIME. AND SO, THAT RAISES A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT HE WILL INDEED COME.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK CAN BE ACHIEVED IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT DIVISION AMONG THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS? ISN T THIS GOING TO PROVE TO BE AN OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION?

A. WELL, YOU WOULDN T HAVE TO PURSUE A SOLUTION SO HARD IF THERE WERE NOT OBSTACLES TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.

Q. SO THIS IS ONE OF THE OBSTACLES THAT DR. KISSINGER IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH?

A. CERTAINLY.

Q. YOU HAVE MET PRESIDENT NYERERE OF TANZANIA AND NOW YOU WILL BE HAVING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA. FROM HERE, WHO ELSE ARE YOU VISITING OR WHO ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO TALK TO AMONG THE OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS?

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A. RIGHT NOW, I HAVE NO PLANS TO TALK TO ANY OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS UNTIL I HAVE REPORTED BACK TO WASHINGTON. THEN WE WILL MAKE OUR FUTURE PLANS, DEPENDING ON THAT.

Q. WHAT IS AMERICA S VIEW? RECENTLY, SWAPO SAID IT WAS PREPARED TO MEET MR. VORSTER BUT MR. VORSTER SAID HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO MEET THE SWAPO LEADER. NOW WHAT IS AMERICA S VIEW IN THIS ASPECT AND HOW DOES AMERICA HOPE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?

A. OUR POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT SWAPO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA.

Q. MR. SCHAUFLELE, DO YOU SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF DR. KISSINGER GOING TO PRETORIA IF HE MAKES AN AFRICAN TOUR?

A. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS BEEN DECIDED.

Q. NOTHING DEFINITE YET?

A. NO.

Q. HOW DOES THE UNITED STATES RECONCILE ITS INITIATIVE WHEN AT THE SAME TIME YOU ARE TRYING TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN BOMBING ZAMBIA? AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED ARE SWAPO PEOPLE AND IN MOZAMBIQUE, THE RHODESIAN REBELS HAVE BOMBED SOME INNOCENT PEOPLE THERE AND THOUSANDS OF THEM DIED. NOW HOW DO YOU RECONCILE THE TWO?

A. WHEREVER THERE IS VIOLENCE, THE AIM IS TO END THE VIOLENCE -- WHETHER THE VIOLENCE COMES FROM THE RHODESIAN FORCES INTO MOZAMBIQUE OR WHETHER THE VIOLENCE COMES FROM THE GUERRILLAS GOING IN RHODESIA, THE AIM IS TO END THE VIOLENCE AND FIND A SOLUTION. IT IS ONLY IF THE VIOLENCE ESCALATES BEYOND A CERTAIN LEVEL THAT IT CREATES A SITUATION WHICH BECOMES, DISASTROUS OR EXTREMELY GRAVE FOR THE AREA. THEREFORE WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WHICH WILL HELP END THE VIOLENCE.

Q. WOULD YOU SAY THAT DURING THE ZURICH TALKS AND THE DAR TALKS, DR. KISSINGER AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRONTLINE STATES WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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KEPT INFORMED OF EACH OTHER OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

A. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT BUT ESSENTIALLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM DOING ON THIS TRIP IS TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENTS ABOUT THE ZURICH TALKS AND THEY ARE TALKING TO ME ABOUT THE DAR ES SALAAM TALKS.

Q. HAVING TOURED SOUTHERN AFRICA PREVIOUSLY AND HAVING TALKED TO PRESIDENT NYERERE, DO YOU THINK THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE GOING BEYOND THE POINT OF NEGOTIATION, IS VERY CLOSE?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK SO NOW. I THINK THERE IS TIME -- NOT MUCH TIME, BUT THERE IS TIME. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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